

ART UNITES US. POEMS DELIGHT.



COLLECTING ART FROM TORONTO SCHOOLS

Mask4Aid's main feature is the school-based creation of artistically designed plague-masks by K12 and university students, whose work will ultimately be photographed, videotaped and projection-mapped onto the sides of school buildings and other structures across the City of Toronto in April 2021.

In order for Project Mask4Aid to be realized as a public art concept in the City of Toronto, it must collect dozens, if not hundreds of pieces of mask art and poetry from students and teachers within the next 45-60 days. Together, these pieces of art will be formatted and interwoven into digital slide shows and projected onto the sides of buildings, mainly school buildings, across Toronto. Other buildings in your community may also be used. This process is scheduled to take place between March 15th and May 31st, with the final slide show projections completed by May 31, 2021.

Project Mask4Aid art will be embedded into slideshows for projection on a rolling basis: as photo sessions are completed and poems are sent to us, we will design slideshows and schedule projections. Each school principal will be informed when their students' art will be projected, with the time, place and date sent in advance for distribution to all teachers, students and their families in that school. The website will also list all projection schedules as a general reference for all schools.

Step by Step Breakdown for Instructors:

1. Brainstorm

Start by holding a brainstorming session with your class.

As a class, prompt students to reflect on this past year. If it is helpful, have them focus on a specific theme, narrative or emotion for their art and make some sketches for their work. Encourage them to get creative! Elaborate examples of mask art can be seen [here](#) and [here](#).

2. Materials

Make a materials list with your class

Think of creative ways to use disposable masks or cloth masks as a base for creation. Students can also think of ways to construct a mask out of other materials. Mask4Aid is happy to help fund your class's creations. If you require funding please email a budget to mask4aid@castschool.org.

3. Production

When you have acquired all your materials, schedule a time with your students to work on your art.

See the instructional video on the Mask4Aid [website](#) for techniques and inspiration for making mask art. Mask4Aid is open to any kind of artistic involvement provided it is reflective of the pandemic.

4. Documentation

When your class has completed their mask art, email us at mask4aid@castschool.org and a Mask4Aid team member will schedule a photographer to take pictures of students with their art, either as part of a group photo or individually. All work should be completed and submitted by **May 20, 2021**. [Permission slips](#) must be signed by both students and their parents in those cases where students, and their art, appear in photographs.

5. Projection

Each school principal will be informed when their students' art will be projected, with the time, place and date sent in advance of the screening. A schedule will be emailed to the school and will be available on the Mask4Aid [website](#).

Please contact Visual Arts instructor Julia Redding to answer any of your art instruction questions for this project at mask4aid@castschool.org

General inquiries can be directed to Head of School, Dr. Kelvin Sealey at mask4aid@castschool.org